

Cardinal Bidding For Consecutive Hit Mark

Holmes' Record In Danger

By JOE REICHLER

Associated Press Sports Writer Al (Red) Schoendienst, one of baseball's most consistent stars, was making a bid today for the modern National League consecutive game hitting record.

The unassuming second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, who for years has been one of baseball's top stars, although in the shadow of the great Stan Musial, hit safely in his 25th straight game last night.

He needs to hit safely in each of the next 10 games to top the modern league mark of 37 set by Tommy Holmes of the Boston Braves in 1945. Should he achieve that goal, he owns the fourth highest consecutive hitting record.

Joe DiMaggio, established the major league record of 56 with the 1941 New York Yankees. Bill Dahlen of the 1894 Chicago Cubs holds the all-time National League mark of 42. George Sisler hit in 41 straight games for the St. Louis Browns in 1922 and Ty Cobb connected safely in 40 games for the 1911 Detroit Tigers.

Another fine second baseman, Nellie Fox, collected three hits including a two-run single that climaxed a four-run seventh inning to give the Chicago White Sox an 8-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Cleveland's loss, together with New York's 6-5 triumph over Washington, trimmed the Indians' first place American League lead over the Yankees to three games. Jim Rivers also starred at the bat for Chicago, hammering two home runs and a single while scoring four runs.

The Yankees overcame a 5-1 deficit, scoring three times in the eighth with the aid of a throwing error by Washington third baseman Eddie Yost and bagging the tying and winning runs in the ninth on hits by Oil McDougald and Bill Skowron and a sacrifice fly by Mickey Mantle.

Brooklyn ended a three-game losing streak, edging out the Philadelphia Phillies 7-5 on Roy Campanella's two-run homer in the 10th but remained 6½ games behind the National League leading New York Giants who whipped Pittsburgh 6-3. Johnny Antonelli went the route for his 13th Giant victory.

Campanella, who earlier has disclosed that two fingers of his left hand had become numb following an operation last May, also ignited a three-run ninth inning rally with a double that overcame a 5-2 deficit. Two walks and a base-clearing double by Pee Wee Reese accounted for the three tying runs.

Jim Greengrass batted in four runs with a homer and single to give Cincinnati a 5-3 victory over Milwaukee. Gene Baker cracked four hits and drove in four runs to lead the Cubs to a 6-4 victory over the Cardinals. Baker got his fourth hit in the 11th inning when the Cubs broke through for the winning runs.

Pitcher Duane Pillette pitched and batted Baltimore to a 7-5 victory over Detroit. His single scored what proved to be the winning run as the Orioles snapped a five-game losing streak.

Four home runs—two by shortstop Joe DiMaggio—gave the Philadelphia Athletics a 9-4 triumph over Boston as Alex Kellner went the distance for his fifth triumph against eight losses.

Minor League Ball Clubs Complaining

DALLAS (AP) — Dick Burnett went ahead with his campaign for a major league franchise Saturday while George Trautman, president of the minor leagues, studied a complaint from six Texas League clubs that it was damaging to baseball.

Burnett, owner of the Dallas club of the Texas League, and E. E. (Buddy) Fogelson, Dallas oil man, seek \$5,000,000 in \$500,000 slices to get a big league franchise for Dallas. Each club subscribed a half-million and they want eight more million each.

The campaign will run through the weekend and if the money isn't raised by then the project won't be abandoned. Burnett has said it has to be now or the big league franchises available will pass to somebody else.

He added that he was "more optimistic than ever." The complaint was filed by Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, Beaumont, San Antonio and Shreveport by telegram to Texas League president John Reeves at Fort Worth. The clubs said they were "in fear of being hurt" by the campaign in the middle of the season when the Texas League is engaged in a tight race and attendance needs to be boosted.

Burnett said minor league baseball was dying, that he never could operate the Dallas club at a profit but that major league baseball was dying, that he never could operate the Dallas club at a profit but that major league baseball would click here.

The complaint, which Reeves passed on to Trautman for action, called for an examination of Burnett's activities as possibly being detrimental to minor league and major league baseball and also as a possible violation of baseball commissioner Ford Frick's decree against speculation on franchise moves.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS



Change Of Teams Helps Ray Boone

By MURRAY OLDERMAN

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NEW YORK (NKA) — "Let's face it," gesticulates Ray Boone, "I just didn't have the hands for a shortstop."

It never occurred to the Cleveland brash to give Boone a shot at third base, where he's currently in Detroit spangles.

Like, as the guys on the club call him, found peace of mind in Briggs Stadium, where he's haunted by neither booted balls nor an anemic batting average.

"First," he outlines, "a man's got to hit better when he's not worried about his fielding. At third you don't have time to get worried. Those balls come down at don't."

I've only been an infielder a few years after catching most of my life. I'm just now getting around to the point where I'm feeling comfortable.

"You can credit a lot of my improved batting to being in Detroit. Every ballplayer knows it's a hit in the park. I'm knocking in a lot more runs because I'm not batting seventh or way down there some place, like I was most of the time in Cleveland."

"I always knew I could hit. It's just like Steve Gromek was always a good pitcher. He didn't have to come to Detroit with me to prove it. Whenever he got a chance, like in that World Series against the Braves in '48, or against the Yanks, he delivered."

"It beats me why I was never given a shot at third with the Indians, but I've got no gripe. I'm perfectly happy in Detroit."

Boone is the solid man in a Detroit lineup spiced with youngsters. He'll be 31 on July 27, just reaching his peak as a hitter. Above .300 for the most of this season, Ike's also challenging for the American League home run leadership.

"Give Bobby Thompson an assist for that," he says. "Remember, when he was slumping so bad for the Giants a couple of years ago and changed his batting stance to a crouch?"

"I saw him in an exhibition game last year and got an idea it might help me. The crouch gives me more power. I see the ball better."

The bad knees which plagued Boone in Cleveland have eased up under the less arduous grind of covering third base.

"I've lost a half step in my speed," Ray Boone confesses. "But I don't have to be as fast. Not as long as I can belt them out of the park once in a while and only have to trot around the bases."

The tense young man who worried himself out of Cleveland has found serenity in Detroit.

The Indians? They've had three men at third base this year and are just now coming back to Al Rosen.

Judges Have Time Selecting Winner

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It was Brown all the way in the 10-round main event at the Coliseum Arena Friday night.

The fighters were Andrew Brown of New Orleans and Johnny Brown of Chicago, each 149½. The judges were Joe Brown and Eddie Brown and the referee was Roland Brown.

Andrew Brown won, unanimously.

Dodger's Catcher May Quit

BROOKLYN (AP) — Roy Campanella, the iron man catcher of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has virtually no control over two fingers of his left hand and he sadly admitted today that his baseball career may end after the 1934 season.

"A doctor friend of mine told me there is a possibility that the nerve is gone," he said. "He also told me if it is true, I might as well forget about baseball."

"I have an appointment to see Dr. Herman Pett on Monday to see if the operation for a bone chip removal last May damaged a vital nerve."

He held up his hand to demonstrate what he meant. He tried to move the little finger next to the ring finger, but it snapped back as if it was pulled. He tried the same thing with the ring finger, moving it next to the little finger. It, too, snapped back.

"You can see I was trying to hold the fingers together but I had no control over them," he said. "I also have no power in the area around the top of my hand near the thumb. My doctor friend said if the nerve is involved, the numbness could spread over my entire hand and it could be useless by the end of the year."

Campanella said he has known about the stiffness in his fingers for some time and that he intended to see Dr. Pett several days ago, but the physician was performing an operation at the time. He had an appointment yesterday, but had to break it because of the death of his father-in-law.

"I only consented to that bone chip operation because I was warned the hand might become paralyzed if I didn't go through with it," he related.

Campanella returned to action only four weeks after the operation and has been complaining recently that the hand hurt. He said the pain was so bad in last night's game against the Philadelphia Phillies that he couldn't grip the bat properly. Still, he hit a home run in the tenth inning with one man on base to win it for the Dodgers, 7-5.

The burly catcher, a member of the Dodgers since mid-1948 and twice the most valuable player in the National League, said he was determined to play in the all-star game in Cleveland on Tuesday. Dr. Pett's diagnosis notwithstanding.

"Nothing is going to keep me from playing in the all-star game," he vowed. "It feels like a great honor to be chosen and I'm proud to play in that game."

He added that he would play for the Dodgers as long as he could, despite the pain, but he would be guided by Dr. Pett.

Brooklyn Manager Walter Alston was disturbed at the news. "I never knew it was so serious," he said.

Pro Clubs To Meet In Portland

PORTLAND, July 10 — One of the greatest passing combinations of the history of football in Oregon will line up on opposite sides of the field when the Los Angeles Rams meet the New York Giants Sunday night, August 8, at Multnomah stadium.

That would be the old University of Oregon battery Norm Van Brocklin pitching and Dick Wilkins catching — which led the Webfoots to the Cotton Bowl back in 1948. Van, starting his sixth season with the Rams, has become one of pro football's greatest passers and is on his way to breaking records set by the likes of Baugh, Luckman and Waterfield.

Wilkins, out of action last year, recently signed a contract with the Giants. Only 29 years old, he has several good seasons left. There aren't many better receivers in the business.

The clash between the Rams and Giants will be the first of two pro football games in Oregon this year by Oregon Sports Attractions. The other features the Rams against the Chicago Cardinals September 4.

Traditionally blessed with outstanding ends, the Rams will be so well stocked this year that Coach Hampton Pool plans to utilize the platoon system with his offensive wingmen. Van Brocklin will have such excellent targets as veterans Tom Fears and Elroy Hirsch and recent service returnees Bob Boyd and Bob Carey. Two years ago in Portland Carey caught a touchdown pass that was the most spectacular play ever unfolded at the stadium.

In addition to Wilkins, the Giants strengthened their ends in last year's draft with the acquisition of Ken Buck and Bob Topp and two of the best from service ball, Kin McAfee and Cliff Livingston. Buck is from College of Pacific and Livingston from UCLA.

The Cards picked Gary Knefelc of Colorado and Don Dohoney of Michigan State's Rose Bowl team among their top choices and have All-American Leo Sugar of Purdue returning from the service.

Mail order reservations, received so far lead President Harry Glickman to predict fine crowds for both games. Tickets, priced at \$4 between the goal lines and \$3 in the end zone, may be obtained by writing Oregon Sports Attractions here in the Dekum building.

Jim Busby, Washington Senators' centerfielder, played first string quarterback and starred for Texas Christian University in the 1948 Cotton Bowl.

Florists Whip All-Stars 8-4

Probably the best exhibition of women's softball ever to be played in Klamath Falls was witnessed by nearly 1500 basin sport fans last night at Conger Field as the Erv Lind Florists beat the Klamath All-Stars by a 8-4 score.

A determined bunch of local girls battled the world champions from Portland on fairly even terms until the last two innings when all-star pitcher, Mickey Hayman began to tire a little.

Betty Evans Grayson and Hayman were the starting pitchers for the two clubs and both displayed excellent pitching ability, but Grayson's experience was too much for the local girl's team.

The seven times all-American only pitched the first three innings, but struck out six, while allowing one run on a hump back single by Darlene Gordon in the third inning followed by an error and a pass ball.

Thelma Parrish Carlson then took over for the Florists and held the local softballers scoreless in her two innings on the mound, but in the final inning they tallied three runs and had the bases loaded before Pearl Pinion could retire the side.

The Florists scored their first run off Hayman in the first inning on hits by Robbie Mulkey and Lois Williams, and then were held in check until the third inning when they countered twice more.

In the sixth inning the all-American studded lineup of the Florists tallied twice more on three hits, and then in the final frame collected three runs on five safeties.

The local all-stars presented a pleasant surprise to many of the overflow crowd as they put on a determined stand against their superior opponents.

Some very nice fielding plays on the part of outfielder Pat Barron, the part of infielder Sherry Larson, and third baseman Sherry Larson saved the all-stars from being beaten by a larger score. A double play from shortstop Bernice Silvia Bishop and Ruth Hagelstein the local first baseman also helped Hayman out of a hole in the sixth

inning.

Margaret Dobson, the Florists' bullet arm third baseman, collected three hits in four times at bat to lead the victorious Portlanders, while Mulkey and Williams each had two hits in four tries.

Darlene Gordon paced the local stars in the hitting department with two safeties in three times



GIVING A FEW TIPS on the art of pitching softball is Don Kenyon, right, acting mayor of Klamath Falls, as he and Erv Lind, left, owner of the famed Erv Lind Florists, talk with all-star pitcher Mickey Hayman before last night's game. The Florists won over the all-stars by an 8-4 score.

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BOXSCORE

	R	H	E
Florists	8	13	2
All-Stars	4	5	3

Grayson, Carlson, Pinion and Wadsworth; Hayman and Walker.

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